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SUBJ: CAIRO MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: CAIRO 00683

1. WEIZMAN CALLED DCM AT 0950 HOURS THIS MORNING (JAN. 9) WITH FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO GAMASY'S COMMENTS:
-- IDF AIRCRAFT. WEIZMAN'S STRONG PREFERENCE IS TO LAND AT CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RATHER THAN AT GIANACLIS. THEREFORE HE WILL NOT INSIST ON IDF AIRCRAFT REMAINING IN CAIRO THROUGHOUT PERIOD HIS STAY. AIRCRAFT WILL RETURN SAME DAY TO ISRAEL. WEIZMAN ASKED, AS A PERSONAL FAVOR, IF GAMASY WOULD AGREE TO CREW SPENDING A FEW HOURS ON THE GROUND SO THAT THEY COULD SEE SOMETHING OF CAIRO. HOWEVER, IF THIS CAUSES HEARTBURN FOR GAMASY HE WILL NOT INSIST ON IT. PLEASE CONFIRM.
-- UNIFORMS. WEIZMAN SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BREAK UP CAIRO CONFERENCE ON THE ISSUE OF UNIFORMS. HE STILL THINKS THAT IT IS PROPER THAT MILITARY OFFICERS WEAR UNIFORMS TO THE OPENING SESSION. AFTER THAT, EVERYONE COULD GO TO CIVILIAN DRESS. HE SAID HE FORESAW ONLY TWO MOMENTS DURING ENTIRE NEGOTIATION WHEN MILITARY UNIFORMS WERE APPROPRIATE: 1) THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAIRO MEETING AND, 2) THE CEREMONY AT WHICH A PEACE TREATY WOULD BE SIGNED. IN ANY CASE, IF ALL THIS PROVES TOO MUCH FOR
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EGYPTIANS, HE WILL NOT INSIST. BUT HE DOES ASK GAMASY TO REVIEW QUESTION THOROUGHLY BEFORE FINAL DECISION.
-- PRESS. HE ASKED THAT GAMASY BE ASURED THAT HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO CUT BACK ON THE NUMBER OF PRESS ACCOMPANYING HIM. "I DON'T LIKE THE BUGGERS LURKING AROUND ANY BETTER THAN GAMASY DOES," HE SAID.
-- TIME OF ARRIVAL. WEIZMAN ASKED AGAIN THAT GAMASY SET THE

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HOUR HE WOULD LIKE GOI DELEGATION TO ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY AND THE
TIME FOR THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.
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